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I. INTRODUCTION

Defendant Visa International has already fully complied with Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) by producing the documents listed in that rule that are in its possession, custody, or control. But Plaintiff Cryptography Research, Inc. would like to have Visa International do the plaintiff's work by requiring Visa International to gather *additional* documents from third-party manufacturers and vendors—and then produce them to Plaintiff. This is not supported by the law or the facts here.

Visa International is a membership corporation jointly owned by member financial institutions. It manages the VISA® brand through various marketing activities, operates a payment processing system through which it facilitates the processing of payment transactions, and provides other support for the use of VISA-branded credit and payment cards. Its business is financial services. It is not a designer or manufacturer of computer chips or chip cards (also called "smart cards"). It does not make, use, offer to sell, sell, or import in or into the United States the smart cards that are accused of infringement in this action. Nevertheless, Plaintiff has sued Visa International for patent infringement, among other things, including under a theory of active inducement of patent infringement.

Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) requires Visa International, as a party opposing a claim of patent infringement, to produce or make available "[s]ource code, specifications, schematics, flow charts, artwork, formulas, or other documentation sufficient to show the operation of any aspects or elements of an Accused Instrumentality identified by the patent claimant in its Patent L.R. 3-1(c) chart." (emphasis supplied). Plaintiff tries to greatly expand what is properly encompassed within this rule:

- Plaintiff lists a broad range of documents that it suggests that Visa International must produce—without any discussion of limiting to "sufficient" documents and without any discussion of how its listed documents relate specifically to its claim chart.
- Plaintiff tries to contort Visa process documents and contracts with third parties into purported evidence that Visa International has possession of documents that it does not have. For instance, Plaintiff pulls quotes out of context from documents about which it has no personal knowledge to conclude that some company must have given the documents at issue under Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) to Visa

International. But its interpretations are incorrect; and it offers no competent evidence that any such documents were *actually* given to Visa International. Visa International also provides competent declarations to the contrary.

- Plaintiff also tries to stretch Visa International contracts with third parties into purported evidence that Visa International has control over documents in the possession of third parties. But its interpretation of the purported evidence lacks foundation and is incorrect; and Visa International provides competent declarations to the contrary. Furthermore, Plaintiff has failed to show that the third parties even have the documents at issue.
- At one point, Plaintiff actually declares that Visa is such a "predominant force in the market" that it is "inconceivable" that "VISA could not obtain possession of the [documents being sought by Plaintiff] from its vendors." This is neither law nor evidence and therefore does not support Plaintiff's motion.

To sum up, Plaintiff's reading of Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) and expansion of what it would try to deem as being within Visa International's possession or control are unsupported.

The documents that Plaintiff seeks are sensitive technical documents—source code and detailed design-level technical documents sufficient to show the specific operation of security measures being implemented by well-known chip and card manufacturers like IBM, Philips, Gemplus, Axalto, and others. These are not the type of documents that Visa International would want or need. And in fact, Visa International does not have these documents—and does not control the documents in the possession of these third-party companies.

Moreover, Plaintiff has been serving subpoenas on these and some thirteen total companies—directly seeking these sensitive technical documents since at least as early as February 1, 2005. And Plaintiff has received over 25,000 pages of documents in connection with those efforts—some which already fulfill Patent Local Rule 3-4(a). Plaintiff seeking the documents indirectly through Visa International by this motion is unreasonably duplicative of its existing subpoenas and unduly burdensome on Visa International.

For these reasons and the reasons described more fully in this opposition, Visa International respectfully asks the Court to deny Plaintiff's motion.

II. ISSUES PRESENTED

A. Before bringing a motion on disclosure or discovery, the moving party must meet and confer through a live conversation in which there is a meaningful exchange on the merits of differing positions. Plaintiff sent a single e-mail explaining its position—and it never

¹ See CRI's Motion at 9:22-25.

1 2		responded to certain arguments made by Visa International both before and after that e-mail, never told Visa International specifically what it thought was missing after it received the production, and never raised most of the legal or factual issues it now raises in this motion. Did Plaintiff satisfy its obligation to meet and confer?
3 4 5 6	В.	Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) requires production of documents "sufficient to show the operation of any aspects or elements of an Accused Instrumentality identified by the patent claimant in its Patent L.R. 3-1(c) chart." Plaintiff's motion lists a broad range of documents that it seeks under this rule, without explaining their link to its 3-1(c) chart—and seems to seek <i>all</i> documents rather than <i>sufficient</i> documents. What documents are responsive under this rule?
7	C.	What responsive documents are in Visa International's possession, custody, or control?
8		1. Visa International has a testing process by which vendors can bring their chips and chip cards to outside testing laboratories before they are approved for use in or as VISA-branded smart cards.
10 11		a. Plaintiff pulls quotes out of documents describing the testing process—of which it has no personal knowledge—and includes no competent testimony that the documents at issue are in Visa International's possession; and Visa
12		International provides a declaration that the documents at issue are not in its possession. Has Plaintiff met its burden of showing the documents are in Visa International's possession?
13 14 15		b. Plaintiff makes conclusory allegations that Visa International has control over all documents in the possession of testing laboratories. Visa International provides a declaration and the form of contract it has with outside testing laboratories showing that the vendor controls what documents can be shared with Visa International. Has Plaintiff met its
16		burden of showing the documents are in Visa International's control?
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20		those agreements. The full context of the agreements shows no such obligation; and Visa International provides a declaration that the documents at issue were not
21		provided. Has Plaintiff met its burden of showing the documents are in Visa International's possession or control?
22	D.	Unreasonably duplicative or burdensome discovery is prohibited. Since at least as early as February, Plaintiff has been subpoening the same types of documents it seeks here
23		directly from the third-party companies that manufacture or issue the accused products—and it has received over 25,000 pages to date—some of which include technical
24		information sought in this motion. Is Plaintiff's demand for these same documents from Visa International under Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) unreasonably duplicative or
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III. ARGUMENT

A. Plaintiff's motion should be denied because Plaintiff has wholly failed to meet and confer on this dispute over what documents Visa International must gather and produce, as required by the Local Rules and the Rules of Civil Procedure.

The face of the instant motion confirms that Plaintiff moves the Court under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37 and Civil Local Rule 37,² both of which required Plaintiff to meet and confer with Visa International before bringing this motion. Similarly, the Court's Standing Order states that it "will not consider discovery motions unless the moving party has complied with Fed.R.Civ.P. 37 and Civil L.R. 37-1(a)." Plaintiff failed to meet and confer.

1. Plaintiff did not meet and confer meaningfully with Visa International—and actually raises arguments in its motion that it never even mentioned to Visa International in meet-and-confer efforts.

Plaintiff was required to meet and confer with Visa International before bringing this motion:

The Court will not entertain a request or a motion to resolve a disclosure or discovery dispute unless, pursuant to FRCivP 37, counsel have previously conferred for the purpose of attempting to resolve all disputed issues.⁴

The meet and confer effort must have been "a 'sincere effort' where both parties presented the merits of their respective positions and meaningfully assessed the relative strengths of each." Merely demanding compliance with a discovery request is not enough; rather, "a live exchange of ideas and opinions is required." In fact, the Local Rules expressly require a live conversation:

The mere sending of a written, electronic, or voice-mail communication, however, does not satisfy a requirement to "meet and confer" or to "confer." Rather, this requirement can be satisfied only through direct dialogue and discussion—either in a face to face meeting or in a telephone conversation.

Not only was there no live conversation in which the merits were discussed, Plaintiff never disclosed the core arguments it now raises in its motion to Visa International before

² See CRI's Motion at 2:6 (notice of motion stating under what rules the motion is brought).
 ³ See United States District Court, Northern District of California, Magistrate Judge Howard R.

Lloyd, Standing Order re: Initial Case Management.

⁴ Civ. L.R. 37-1.

⁵ See, e.g., Shuffle Master, Inc. v. Progressive Games, Inc., 170 F.R.D. 166, 172 (D. Nev. 1996).

⁶ Soto v. City of Concord, 162 F.R.D. 603, 623 (N.D. Cal. 1995).

⁷ CIVIL L.R. 1-5(n) (emphasis supplied).

bringing this motion. Plaintiff's meet-and-confer efforts can be summarized as follows:

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Summary of Plaintiff's Meet-And-Confer Efforts

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On May 23, 2005, in a telephone call, Plaintiff identified the prospective dispute over Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) and asked for Visa International's position. There was no discussion of the merits of Plaintiff's position.

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On May 24, 2005, in an e-mail, Plaintiff responded to Visa International's e-mail explaining its position with an explanation of Plaintiff's position.

7 8 Plaintiff did not respond to subsequent e-mails from Visa International, which explained Visa International's position further and asked for authority supporting Plaintiff's position.

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• Plaintiff did *not* try to meet and confer with Visa International after receiving Visa International's document production under Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) on or about June 2, 2005. 11

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Plaintiff's and Visa International's last known positions can be summarized as follows:

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	Last Position in Meet-and	d-Confer Discussions ¹²
	Plaintiff	Visa International
Disputed Issue	Visa International must produce Patent L.R. 3-4(a) documents <i>even if outside</i> its possession, custody, or control	Visa International must produce Patent L.R. 3-4(a) documents <i>only within</i> its possession, custody, or control
Reasoning	 Pointed to language of Patent L.R. 3-4(a) Suggested that Judge Ware ordered Visa International at CMC to talk to its vendors 	 Pointed to context of Patent L.R. 3-4(a) as discovery Responded that CMC did not address Patent L.R. 3-4(a)— and that informal conversation was out of context

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⁸ See Declaration of Garner Weng iso Opposition ("Weng Decl.") ¶ 3; see also Hadden Decl. ¶ 13

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See Weng Decl. ¶ 5 & Ex. 2; see also Hadden Decl. ¶ 14. Though Judge Lloyd's Standing Order discourages attaching letters between counsel as exhibits to discovery motions, Visa International interpreted this as the Court discouraging counsel from using such letters to show compliance with meet-and-confer requirements; and Visa International asks the Court's indulgence in its attachment of letters to declarations supporting this opposition as evidence that there was not compliance.

10 See Wang Decl. ¶ 9

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10 See Weng Decl. ¶ 8.
11 See Weng Decl. ¶ 10.

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This information is summarized from e-mails between counsel for the parties. See Weng Decl. ¶¶ 4-7 & Ex. 1-3; Hadden Decl. ¶¶ 14-16.

Plaintiff

Did not respond to

Did not respond to issues raised re: its

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Last Position in Meet-and-Confer Discussions¹²

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As can be seen, Plaintiff did not address many issues or requests raised by Visa International. More importantly, Plaintiff never explained its reasoning at all—given that it never mentioned many of the legal and factual issues it raises in its motion or any of the documents it cites in its motion:

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Issues in Plaintiff's Motion Never Raised in Meet and Confer

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- What specific items Plaintiff says are missing from Visa International's production under Patent Local Rule 3-4(a)—which, according to the motion, are now quite broad and include some items that Visa International has already agreed to produce in discussions strictly within the context of Plaintiff's written document requests
- Plaintiff's claim that documents at issue are in Visa International's possession—and the documents it cites as evidence for this claim
- Plaintiff's claim that documents at issue are in Visa International
 - Plaintiff's contractual basis for this claim—and the documents it cites as evidence
 - o Plaintiff's principal-agent basis for this claim

Interestingly, whereas Visa International specifically told Plaintiff that it believed Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) required it to produce only those documents in its possession, custody, or

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control¹³—and that it would do so¹⁴—Plaintiff now concedes that in its motion but now states that the documents at issue really are in Visa International's possession or control. 15 But Plaintiff never told Visa International that the dispute was now over whether the documents were in Visa International's possession or control—before bringing this motion.

In sum, as Plaintiff has failed to meet and confer in good faith, as required, the Court should deny its motion.

Plaintiff failed to include the required certification that it in good faith 2. conferred or attempted to confer with Visa International.

Rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires Plaintiff to certify its good-faith meet-and-confer efforts:

The motion must include a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the party not making the disclosure in an effort to secure the disclosure without court action. ¹⁶

The certification must adequately set forth "essential facts sufficient to enable the court to pass a preliminary judgment on the adequacy and sincerity of the good faith conferment between the parties."17 Failure to submit the certification is sufficient reason to deny the motion. 18 Plaintiff failed to submit the required certification; and its motion should be denied.

- Plaintiff's motion should be denied because Visa International has already fully В. complied with the Patent Local Rules and the Court's Scheduling Order.
 - 1. The documents at issue are source code or other detailed design-level technical documentation that shows the operation of particular elements of accused products accused by Plaintiff in its infringement contentions in this

Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) calls for specific detailed technical documentation that shows how an accused product may read on the patents in suit, as specifically alleged by the patent plaintiff:

With the "Preliminary Invalidity Contentions," the party opposing a claim of patent infringement must produce or make available for inspection and copying:

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See Weng Decl. ¶ 5 & Ex. 1.
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See Weng Decl. ¶ 5 & Ex. 1, 3.

¹⁵ See CRI's Motion & III.B (titled, "Defendant Possesses And Controls The Relevant Information.")

FED. R. CIV. PROC. 37(a)(1)(A); see also FED. R. CIV. PROC. 37(a)(1)(B).

<sup>See Shuffle Master, supra, at 171.
See Leimbach v. Lane, 302 B.R. 75, 79 (Bankr. Idaho 2003).</sup>

1	(a) Source code, specifications, schematics, flow charts, artwork, formulas, or other documentation sufficient to show the operation of any aspects or elements of an
2	Accused Instrumentality identified by the patent claimant in its Patent L.R. 3-1(c) chart;
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4	The patent claimant's "Patent L.R 3-1(c) chart" is defined as the "chart identifying specifically
5	where each element of each asserted claim is found within each Accused Instrumentality "20
6	Plaintiff unilaterally asserts in its motion— without citation, authority, or explanation—
7	that the documents at issue under Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) are quite broad, including just about
8	any document that shows how any part of any accused product may work:
9	technical descriptions of the design, implementation, and operation of power-analysis countermeasures; technical specifications; user manuals; tutorials; operating guides;
10	product documentation; certification or approval testing submissions; protection profiles; testing reports; certification documentation; risk implementation reviews; hardware
11	security reviews; chip data sheets; chip block diagrams with explanatory technical descriptions; chip circuit diagrams or PCB layout diagrams; chip application notes; chip
12	simulations/emulation models; chip computer model of IC design/layout; chip HDL; software (OS and/or applet) source code; software functional design, and implementation
13	specifications; software implementation analyses and/or evaluations; software pseudocode; software test suites, unit tests, test scripts; software API documentation; and
14	software flow diagrams. ²¹
15	Incidentally, this is the first time such a list describing what Plaintiff expected has been provided.
16	In any event, that is not what Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) says. The rule refers only to documents
17	sufficient to show the operation of aspects of accused products identified by the patent claimant
18	in its submitted claim chart. Yet Plaintiff draws no link between this exhaustive list of
19	documents and its claim chart that defines the documents at issue—and it appears to be asking for
20	all of its listed documents, rather than the Rule's stated "sufficient" documents. Plaintiff is overly
21	inclusive in seeking basic documents along the lines of testing reports, user manuals, and
22	operating guides that do not reach the detail of the specific elements of the products as shown in
23	the claim charts—and it also tries to include detailed technical documents even if they do not
24	relate to the claim chart.
25	Plaintiff describes its eight patents as claiming "DPA Countermeasures" or "DPA
26	Resistance Inventions," that is, countermeasures to prevent a type of attack known as differential
27	PATENT L.R. 3-4 (emphasis supplied). PATENT L.R. 3-1(c). See CRI's Motion at 7 n. 3.
28	PATENT L.R. 3-1(C). See CRI's Motion at 7 n. 3.

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power analysis (or "DPA"). ²² Its claim charts accuse certain products of infringing its patents in
the way that those products implement DPA countermeasures. The accused products are all smar
cards, with one exception where Plaintiff separately accuses software applications or applets
compliant with a particular standard (and assumably that run on smart cards). Therefore, the
documents at issue under Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) would include source code that implements a
DPA countermeasure described in Plaintiff's claim chart—as source code inherently would show
the operation—or a detailed design-level technical document that shows specifically how a DPA
countermeasure described in Plaintiff's claim chart is implemented on a smart card, assumably
such that Plaintiff could review that document against its patents.

Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) requires production only of documents in a patent 2. respondent's possession, custody, or control.

The types of documents just discussed in mind, Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) requires production of these documents only to the extent that they are in Visa International's possession, custody, or control. Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) must be read in the context of discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure²³—as it is, at its root, a form of discovery mandated by the Court.²⁴ In the context of discovery and under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a party must produce only those documents, information, or records that are in that party's possession, custody or control.25

²² See, e.g., First Amended Complaint, filed on or about March 7, 2005, at ¶¶ 23, 24 (collectively referring to the eight patent as the "Countermeasure Patents" and stating that "The Countermeasure Patents claim the DPA Resistance Inventions.")

See CA court order regarding "Scope, Purpose & Construction of Civil Local Rules," section 1-2(b), (Lexis Citation CA Orders 2001-6) ("[Local Rules] shall be construed so as to be consistent with the Federal Rules and to promote the just, efficient, speedy and economical determination of every action and proceeding." (emphasis supplied.)).

See, e.g., IXYS Corp. v. Advanced Power Tech., Inc., Case No. 02-03942 MHP, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 10934, at *7 (N.D. Cal. June 16, 2004) ("The [Patent] Local Rules exist to further goal of full, timely discovery . . . ") (case also cited by Plaintiff); see also, e.g., Renesas Tech. Corp. v. Nanya Tech. Corp., Case NO. C03-05709 JF (HRL) (N.D. Cal. Nov. 10, 2004) (referring to Patent Local Rules as "a discovery device," though in specific reference to Patent Local Rule 3-1): Network Caching Tech., LLC v. Novell, Inc., Case No. C-01-2079-VRW, 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26098, 67 U.S.P.Q.2d (BNA) 1034, at *11 (referring to Patent Local Rules as "a discovery device," though in specific reference to Patent Local Rule 3-1) (N.D. Cal. Aug. 13,

^{2002). &}lt;sup>25</sup> FED. R. CIV. P. 34(a) (emphasis supplied); see also United States v. International Union of

Petroleum & Indus. Workers, 870 F.2d 1450, 1452 (9th Cir. 1989).

Though Plaintiff asserted in meet-and-confer discussions that Visa International had to produce documents regardless of whether they were within Visa International's possession, custody, or control, Plaintiff has backed off of that position for the first time in its motion²⁶—now asserting instead that the documents are in fact within Visa's possession or control.²⁷

Accordingly, the parties appear to agree that the issue boils down to whether the documents at issue are within Visa International's possession or control.

And while Plaintiff suggests that this issue was addressed in the last Case Management Conference before the Court and suggests that Judge Ware ordered Visa International at that conference to "consult its business partners and obtain information of the type contemplated by Rule 3-4(a)", ²⁸ this differs from Visa International's recollection of the case management conference. ²⁹ Indeed, Plaintiff tries to tie this idea of "consult[ing] its business partners" directly to Judge Ware's order regarding the timing of compliance Patent Local Rule 3-4(a)—putting the two in the same sentence on two separate occasions. ³⁰ Looking past Plaintiff's brief, however, the underlying declaration does not tie these events together. Instead, Plaintiff's counsel states that, at the conference, "Judge Ware . . . indicated to Visa that it *may* need to get together with its vendors to collect the information on the accused cards" ³¹ and in a separate paragraph notes that *two days later*, Judge Ware issued his order on case scheduling—including one sentence within his four-page order setting June 2, 2005 as the date for compliance with Patent Local Rule 3-4. ³²

Any such discussions at the conference about third parties were general discussions of the complexity of the case and what Visa International would have to do to prepare its defense—and were not in the context of any particular Patent Local Rule or discovery obligation. In fact, by Visa International's memory, there was **no** discussion in the case management conference

³² See Hadden Decl. ¶ 12.

²⁶ See CRI's Motion at 5:10-:12 (acknowledging that Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) "exists to further the goal of full, timely discovery"), 5:18-:19 ("ALl relevant documents within VISA's possession, custody, or control are potentially discoverable.").

²⁷ See CRI's Motion at 6:8-:9 (characterizing the documents at issue as within "VISA's possession and control"), at 7:1-111:6 (numerous arguments that Visa International allegedly possesses and controls the relevant information).

²⁸ See CRI's Motion at 6:9-:10, :25-:27.

⁹ See Weng Decl. ¶ 2.

³⁰ See CRI's Motion at 6:9-:10, :25-:27.

³¹ See Hadden Decl. ¶ 11 (emphasis supplied).

1	specifically regarding Patent Local Rule 3-4 or specifically regarding whether documents in the
2	hands of any third parties were nevertheless within Visa International's possession, custody, or
3	control. ³³ There is no such issue raised in the parties' Joint Case Management Statement. ³⁴ Nor is
4	there any such issue addressed in the Court's order, which states only:
5 6	No later than Thursday, June 2, 2005, Defendant shall serve on all parties Preliminary Invalidity Contentions and must produce and make available for inspection and copying the documents described in Patent L.R. 3-4.
7	There is no mention in the order of what Visa International has to do in order to comply with
8	Patent Local Rule 3-4. ³⁶ Accordingly, the Court should interpret Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) on a
9	clean slate and find that Visa International does not have to produce any documents outside of its
10	possession, custody, or control.
11	3. Visa International has fully complied with Patent Local Rule 3-4(a).
12	As far as source code or detailed documentation showing exactly how a product
13	implements a DPA countermeasure vis a vis Plaintiff's claim charts under Patent Local Rule 3-
14	1(c), Visa International had source code for one particular accused product identified in Plaintiff's
15	claim charts—and it produced that source code. ³⁷ Plaintiff acknowledges production of this
16	source code. ³⁸
17	That Visa International does not have more than this is not surprising—because Visa
18	International had no reason to have the source code or design-level technical documentation from
19	other companies. This type of documentation is not used in connection with any testing of a chip
20	or card that may be used in or as a VISA-branded smart card. ³⁹ And this type of documentation is
21	not used in any other collaboration or relationship Visa International has with other companies
22	that Plaintiff raises as issues, such as Redacted
23	International has produced to Plaintiff the source code and design-level technical documentation
24	33 Cas Wang Deal # 2
25	34 See Further Case Management Statement, filed on or about April 4, 2005. 35 Order Scheduling Patent Claims Construction Proceedings (Apr. 20, 2005).
26	³⁶ See id. ³⁷ See Weng Decl. ¶ 9 & Ex. 4.
2728	³⁸ See CRI'S Motion at 4:4-:5; Hadden Decl. ¶ 12 at 3:13-:16. ³⁹ See Declaration of Ross Snailer iso Opposition ("Snailer Decl.") ¶¶ 3, 5. ⁴⁰ See Declaration of James Lee iso Opposition ("Lee Decl.") ¶ 2-4.

of Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) that was in its custody, possession, or control; and it has therefore complied with Patent Local Rule 3-4(a).

To the extent that Plaintiff now tries to claim that other types of documents are swept into Patent Local Rule 3-4(a), Plaintiff has never mentioned this before this motion. And to the extent other types of documents are covered by Plaintiff's written requests for documents, those requests are outside the scope of this motion. 41 Moreover, any such issues regarding documents that actually are in Visa International's possession, custody, or control are likely to be moot shortly. For instance, before the Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) issue arose between the parties, Visa International told Plaintiff that it was in process of producing documents such as testing reports in connection with discovery, subject to making sure it respected any confidentiality obligations that may exist regarding the documents. 42 So Visa International is already in process of producing those higher-level documents in the course of regular discovery, apart from the Patent Local Rules.

In sum, Visa International has already complied with the requirements of Patent Local Rule 3-4(a), this motion should be denied.

C. Plaintiff's assertions that Visa International has additional documents that it has not already produced that are in its possession or control are based on incomplete or erroneous facts and law—through which Plaintiff fails to meet its burden on the motion.

Plaintiff argues that Visa International possesses and controls additional documents that must be produced under Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) along two lines—both of which fail.

- 1. Visa International does not possess or control the documents at issue through the testing process for smart cards that may be branded with the VISA mark.
 - a. Visa International does not possess additional documents at issue—because vendors do not submit these types of documents to the outside testing laboratories or to Visa International during the testing process for smart cards that may be branded with the VISA mark.

Plaintiff argues that Visa International possesses the source code or other design-level

^{27 | 41} See CRI's Motion at 2 (notice of motion stating that the only relief sought is to compel compliance with Patent Local Rule 3-4(a)).
28 | 42 See Weng Decl. ¶ 3.

technical documentation for accused products at issue through the testing process by which chips or cards are approved for incorporation into or use as VISA-branded smart cards—but Plaintiff does this with conclusory allegations of which it has no personal knowledge. This is insufficient to meet Plaintiff's burden on this motion.

For instance, Plaintiff pulls quotes and cites out of the document titled, *Chip Card Products: Testing and Approval Requirements*, even purporting to characterize what the meaning of terms as used in the document are. ⁴³ But Plaintiff lays no foundation for any knowledge of what this document means. Its entire foundation is the declaration of its attorney attaching the document stating that "Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of VISA Industry Services' "Chip Card Products: Testing and Approval Requirements," dated April 2005. ⁴⁴ This is not a foundation for any actual knowledge.

In fact, on its face, this document states:

This document does not create any binding obligations for Visa or any third party regarding testing services or Visa approval, or which obligations exist (if at all), pursuant to separate written agreements executed by Visa and such third parties.

In other words, this document has plainly stated limits; and Plaintiff really has no idea as to what documents any vendors actually give to testing laboratories as part of any approval process involving Visa International. Accordingly, Plaintiff is forced to try to pull quotes from this document without knowing what the meaning of the terms are, without knowing what happens in actual practice, and without knowing whether any documents that are provided during testing actually match up with its claim charts—as required for them to become at issue under Patent Local Rule 3-4(a).

This is no evidence at all. And this lack of evidence is not from Plaintiff's lack of opportunity to find evidence. As discussed further below, ⁴⁵ Plaintiff has served at least 13 document subpoenas on third parties ⁴⁶—many as long ago as early February—and has obtained over 25,000 pages of documents from these third parties to date. ⁴⁷ The subpoenaed parties include

⁴³ See CRI's Motion at 7:6-:9, 7:12-:22, *:1-:21.

⁴⁴ See Hadden Decl. ¶ 4 & Ex. 3.

⁴⁵ See, infra, § III.D.1.

⁴⁶ See Weng Decl. ¶ 13 & Ex. 6.

⁴⁷ See Weng Decl. ¶ 14.

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See Snailer Decl. ¶ 7.

vendors who have been involved in the testing process. And Plaintiff certainly asked for documents relating to the testing process of Visa International.⁴⁸

Yet Plaintiff produces no documents that show that chip or card manufacturers were giving the outside testing laboratories—or Visa International—anything like source code or the design-level technical documentation that would show exactly how they implemented DPA countermeasures. Plaintiff produces no declaration or testimony of any chip or card manufacturer on what documents they gave to any outside testing laboratory or to Visa International. And Plaintiff produces no declaration or testimony from any outside testing laboratory on these points.

On the other hand, Visa International is familiar with the testing process—and with this opposition provides a declaration of an employee familiar with the testing process. And he explains that the type of source code or design-level technical documentation that would show exactly how they implemented DPA countermeasures is exactly not what is provided by vendors in connection with the testing process.⁴⁹ In fact, that level of detail would never be needed. The testing is all "black box" testing, meaning that when the outside testing laboratory tests for DPA resistance, it simply tries to attack the product with DPA techniques—and see how the product fares.⁵⁰ This does not call for any documentation showing the source code or other deep inner workings of any DPA countermeasures for a particular product.

Neither the testing laboratories nor Visa International receive the source code or designlevel technical documentation at issue here; and therefore, that type of documentation is outside of Visa International's possession.

- Visa International does not control additional documents at issue b. through the testing process for smart cards that may be branded with the VISA mark.
 - Visa International does not control additional documents at **(1)** issue through its contractual relationship with outside testing laboratories.

As an initial matter, this point is moot—because the testing laboratories do not have the

⁴⁸ See, e.g., Weng Decl. Ex. 6 (as just one example, subpoena to Axalto dated February 1, 2005

asking for "All APPROVAL PROCESS DOCUMENTATION relating to DPA COUNTERMEASURES or DPA TESTING in VISA SMART CARDS").

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source code or design-level technical documentation on DPA countermeasures through the testing process any more than Visa International does.

Nevertheless, to rebut Plaintiff's arguments, "[c]ontrol is defined as the legal right to obtain documents upon demand." The party seeking production of the documents bears the burden of proving that the opposing party has such control." As Plaintiff acknowledges, the legal right to obtain documents upon demand is established by an "unfettered contractual right of access to the information." Sa

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Visa International lacks unfettered access to documents kept by the outside testing laboratories—and therefore lacks control over those documents for purposes of disclosure here. So even if the outside testing laboratories did have documents at issue in this motion, the documents are outside of Visa International's control.

⁵⁵ *Id.* (emphasis supplied).

⁵¹ United States v. International Union of Petroleum & Indus. Workers, 870 F.2d 1450, 1452 (9th Cir. 1989).

⁵³ See CRI's Motion at 23-:24 (citing Wilson v. Sundstrand Corp., No. 99-C-6946, 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14356, *32 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 18, 2003); see Wilson, supra, at *32-*33.

⁵⁴ See Snailer Decl. ¶ 6 & Ex. 1 (REDACTED) (emphasis supplied).

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2	(2) Visa International also does not have control over any additional documents at issue through any alleged principal-
	agent argument raised by Plaintiff—who gets the law incorrect on this issue.
	Again, this issue is moot because the outside testing laboratories do not have the
	documents at issue here. Putting that aside, Plaintiff then falls back to an argument that Visa
	International has control over the documents within the laboratories' possession because of an
	alleged principal-agent relationship. But Plaintiff gets the law on this wrong.
	In its motion, Plaintiff states that principals have control over documents in the possession
	of their agents:
	In a <i>principal/agent</i> relationship, it is presumed that the <i>principal</i> has control over
	documents in the possession of its agent. See Nelson v. Capital One Bank, No.C-01-0079, 2001 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 23141, *5 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 17, 2001). 56
	But in the only case that Plaintiff cites, the applicable language applies strictly to parent and
	subsidiary companies—not principals and agents broadly:
	In <i>parent-subsidiary</i> situations, while some courts look to a variety of factors concerning "control," the Ninth Circuit has applied a per se test wherein, "[a] corporation must produce documents possessed by a <i>subsidiary</i> that the <i>parent</i> corporation owns or wholly controls." ⁵⁷
	As this is has no application to Visa International and the outside testing laboratories here,
	Plaintiff's authority is unpersuasive here.
	In any event, Visa International and the outside testing laboratories are not in a principal-
	agent relationship. Plaintiff also understates the law on how to determine whether there is a
	principal-agent relationship. In its motion, Plaintiff states:
	An agency relationship is recognized where an agent has the authority to act for and in
	place of the principal, and where there is a sufficient degree of control exercised by the principal over the activities of the agent. Foothill Capital Corp. v. Clare's Food Market, Inc., 113 F.3d 1091, 1099 (9th Cir. 1997). 58
	<i>Inc.</i> , 113 F.3d 1091, 1099 (9th Cir. 1997).
	But the Ninth Circuit opinion that Plaintiff cites is quite a bit more specific, noting that the
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	 See CRI's Motion at 10:19-:22 (emphasis supplied). See Nelson v. Capital One Bank, Case No.C-01-0079, 2001 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 23141, *5 (N.D Cal. Dec. 17, 2001) (emphasis added) (citations omitted). See CRI's Motion at 10:15-:18.
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authority to act for and in place of the principal is specific to binding the principal to a legal relationship:

One of the chief characteristics of an agency relationship is the 'authority to act for and in the place of the principal for the purpose of bringing him or her into legal relations with third parties.⁵⁹

This additional clarity would of course alter the analysis of any purported principal-agent relationship between Visa International and the outside testing laboratories significantly.

In fact, the contracts between Visa International and the outside testing laboratories bear out that there is not principal-agent relationship.

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that the outside testing laboratories is not able to bind Visa International to legal obligations with third parties, whether the vendors or anyone else. There is no principal-agent relationship, and there is no control.

2. Visa International does not possess or control the documents at issue through its other contractual relationships with third parties.

Plaintiff also argues that that Visa International possesses and controls the source code or other detailed technical documentation at issue through "its intellectual property licensing agreements and joint development agreements with card manufacturers and chip suppliers" — but Plaintiff again uses conclusory allegations of which it has no personal knowledge. And this again is insufficient to meet Plaintiff's burden on this motion.

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⁵⁹ Foothill Capital Corp. v. Clare's Food Mkt. (In re Coupon Clearing Serv.), 113 F.3d 1091, 1099 (9th Cir., 1997).
⁶⁰ See CRI's Motion at 8:22-:24.

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This is a very similar removal from context.

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Moreover, the face of these two agreements does not tell us what documents the two companies may have actually given Visa International in the course of the agreements. But Visa International provides with its opposition a declaration from an employee familiar with the two agreements; and he confirms that Visa International never received the type of source code or detailed technical documentation that would show exactly how one of these companies implemented DPA countermeasures in the course of the agreements. ⁶⁹

Visa International does not possess or control the documents at issue through the types of agreements that Plaintiff mentions in its motion; and the motion should be denied.

- D. Plaintiff's efforts to obtain the documents it claims are at issue under Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) from Visa International are duplicative of the subpoenas that Plaintiff has served on numerous third parties—and unduly burdensome on Visa International.
 - 1. Plaintiff has served subpoenas to approximately 13 third parties seeking the same type of information that it seeks through this motion—and in fact has already obtained some of the information from third parties.

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure prohibit discovery that is "unreasonably cumulative or duplicative" or unduly burdensome, among other things. ⁷⁰ In Plaintiff's motion, however,

⁶⁷ See CRI's Motion at 9:9-9:13 (quoting agreement) (emphasis supplied).

⁶⁸ See Hadden Decl. Ex. 12 (Exhibit B to agreement).

⁶⁹ See Lee Decl. ¶¶ 2, 3.

⁷⁰ FED. R. CIV. PROC. 26(b)(2).

1	Plaintiff fails to mention that it has already served at least thirteen subpoenas on third parties ⁷¹ —
2	and that it has obtained on the order of over 25,000 pages of documents from card or chip
3	manufacturers such as Axalto, Gemplus, Philips, and IBM. 72 Plaintiff has actually already
4	received documents that is seeking again, here in this motion; and its subpoenas cover the same
5	documents that it seeks here in this motion.
6	By Visa International's rough count, nearly 10,000 pages of the over 25,000 pages already
7	produced by third parties to Plaintiff contain some technical information. Some appears to be
8	source code; and it appears that this technical information describes the operations of products at
9	issue in this case relative to Plaintiff's claim charts. In fact, Plaintiff used documents from the
10	production from IBM to supplement its invalidity contentions in this case. ⁷³ So Plaintiff already
11	has some of the very documents it seeks to have the Court order Visa International to produce
12	(though Visa International did not have them in its possession, custody, or control except through
13	third-party production to Plaintiff in this case).
14	And Plaintiff's thirteen subpoenas seek the exact same documents and information as it
15	seeks here under the instant motion. As just a few small examples, its subpoena to IBM asks for:
16	1. For each of YOUR VISA SMART CARD PLATFORMs, all documents
17	relating to which DPA COUNTERMEASURES such PLATFORM employs. 2. For each of YOUR VISA SMART CARD PLATFORMs, all documents
18	relating to the design, implementation, operation, evaluation, and testing of each DPA COUNTERMEASURE employed by such PLATFORM.
19	9. All documents relating to the research, development, implementation,
20	testing, or evaluation of DPA COUNTERMEASURES for use in YOUR SMART CARD PLATFORMS, specifically including ENGINEERING MATERIALS.
21	10. All documents relating to CRI, the DPA RESISTANCE INVENTIONS or the COUNTERMEASURE PATENTS, specifically including use of the DPA
22	RESISTANCE INVENTIONS or the COUNTERMEASURE PATENTS in SMART CARD PLATFORMS. ⁷⁴
23	And Plaintiff's subpoena to Philips asks for:
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25	1. For each of YOUR VISA SMART CARD CHIPs, all documents relating to which DPA COUNTERMEASURES such CHIP employs.
26	2. For each of YOUR VISA SMART CÂRD CHIPs, all documents relating to
27	See Weng Decl. ¶ 13 & Ex. 6. ⁷² See Weng Decl. ¶ 14.
28	⁷³ See Weng Decl. ¶ 16 & Ex. 8-10. ⁷⁴ See Weng Decl. Ex. 6 (subpoena to IBM).

1	the design, implementation, operation, evaluation, and testing of each DPA COUNTERMEASURE employed by such CHIP.
2	5. All documents relating to the research, development, implementation,
3	testing, or evaluation of DPA COUNTERMEASURES for use in YOUR SMART CARD CHIPs, specifically including ENGINEERING MATERIALS.
4	6. All documents relating to CRI, the DPA RESISTANCE INVENTIONS or the COUNTERMEASURE PATENTS, specifically including use of the DPA
5	RESISTANCE INVENTIONS or the COUNTERMEASURE PATENTS in SMART CARD CHIPs. 75
6	And many of the other subpoenas reveal similar categories of subpoenaed documents.
7	In other words, Plaintiff is moving to compel Visa International to try to make Visa
8	International produce the same documents that it has already subpoenaed from other companies—
9	some that it subpoenaed as long ago as early February—and some that it already has in its
10	possession from the document productions of these third parties. This needlessly duplicates
11	efforts and wastes resources of the parties, of third parties, and of the Court. For these reasons,
12 13	among others, Plaintiff's motion should be denied.
14	2. Visa International should not be required to obtain or produce any documents outside of its possession, custody, or control.
15	Though Plaintiff seems to have conceded this motion is indeed an issue of possession,
16	custody, or control, it includes enough looser language in its motion to merit underscoring that
17	Visa International should not be required to obtain any documents outside of its possession,
18	custody, or control.
19	Plaintiff at times moves into hyperbole (without citation or support) on what Visa
20	International may be capable of achieving:
21	VISA is a predominant force in the market for financial smart cards. No vendor can
22	market any VISA Smart Cards or VISA Smart Card components without VISA security testing and approval. It is inconceivable that VISA does not possess the discovery
23	contemplated under Patent L.R. 3-4(a), or that VISA could not obtain possession of it from its vendors. It is likewise inconceivable that VISA-approved testing laboratories
24	would deny VISA a request for information such as that contemplated under Patent L.R. 3-4(a) ⁷⁶
25	These "inconceivable" arguments are dangerous—apart from being grounded in no evidence,
26	they seem to promote departure from established legal principles. In a somewhat similar situation,
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28	⁷⁵ See Weng Decl. Ex. 6 (subpoena to Philips). ⁷⁶ See CRI's Motion at 9:22-:27 (emphasis supplied).

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a party seeking discovery through a subpoena asked the Ninth Circuit to require the subpoenaed
party to produce documents based on its "practical ability to obtain the requested documents"
from the entities in possession—rather than whether it has "legal control" over the documents.
The Ninth Circuit rejected this approach and held that the party responding to discovery must
have legal control over the documents. 78

The Ninth Circuit holding applies well here in part because Plaintiff's hyperbole is all wrong. Companies like Philips, IBM, Gemplus, Axalto, Infineon, and other companies potentially at issue are not companies incapable of saying "no" or incapable of denying a request from Visa International. In fact, not only is it *conceivable* that these companies would say no, it is more than likely. Source code and detailed design-level technical documentation can be extremely sensitive or even trade-secret to these companies. Putting Visa International in the position of having to ask these companies for their source code and design-level technical documentation on the inner-most workings of their technology is an undue burden. The Ninth Circuit described the problems of imposing such a burden:

Ordering a party to produce documents that it does not have the legal right to obtain will oftentimes be futile, precisely because the party has no certain way of getting those documents. Varni claims that C&L-US has the practical ability to obtain documents from C&L-Switzerland because C&L-Switzerland has voluntarily furnished C&L-US with documents and information in the past. With respect to the ECAMA documents, however, C&L-US asked C&L-Switzerland to produce the documents, but C&L-Switzerland refused. There is no mechanism for C&L-US to compel C&L-Switzerland to produce those documents, and it is not clear how Varni wants C&L-US to go about getting the ECAMA documents, since C&L-Switzerland could legally—and without breaching any contract—continue to refuse to turn over such documents. Because C&L-US does not have legal control over C&L-Switzerland's documents, Varni could not compel C&L-US to produce those documents.

If Plaintiff tries to ask the Court to order Visa International to gather documents outside of its possession, custody, or control, it is really just trying to get Visa International to do its work—and bear its burden and expense. Visa International respectfully asks the Court to follow the lead of the Ninth Circuit and deny any such request from Plaintiff.

⁷⁷ See 7-UP Bottling Co. v. Archer Daniels Midland Co. (In re Citric Acid Litig.), 191 F.3d 1090, 1107 (9th Cir. 1999)

⁷⁹ See id. at 1108 (emphasis supplied).

1	IV. CONCLUSION
2	Plaintiff's Motion to Enforce the Court's Patent Local Rules and Prior Scheduling Orders
3	should be denied because:
4 5	• Plaintiff failed to meet and confer with Visa International on the subject of the motion as required under the Local Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure—not even mentioning to Visa International many of the factual and
6	legal assertions set forth in its motion before bringing it;
7 8	• Visa International has already complied with Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) in providing the documents in its possession, custody, or control that are sufficient to show the operation of any aspects or elements of an Accused Instrumentality identified by Plaintiff in its Patent L.R. 3-1 (c) chart;
9	• Plaintiff failed to meet its burden on its motion to establish that there are any additional documents that are required under Patent Local Rule 3-4(a) that are in Visa International's possession, custody, or control; and
ι1	Plaintiff's attempt to obtain the documents sought by its current motion is The hard setting of the thirteen submanes it has already served on third.
12	unreasonably duplicative of the thirteen subpoenas it has already served on the parties to date—and unduly burdensome on Visa International, especially considering that Plaintiff already has or may have already negotiated for the
13	documents sought by this motion directly from the manufacturers of the products at issue.
14	at issue.
15	For these reasons and for the reasons described more fully in this opposition (and its supporting
16	declarations), and based on the entire record, Visa International respectfully asks the Court to
17	deny Plaintiff's motion.
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